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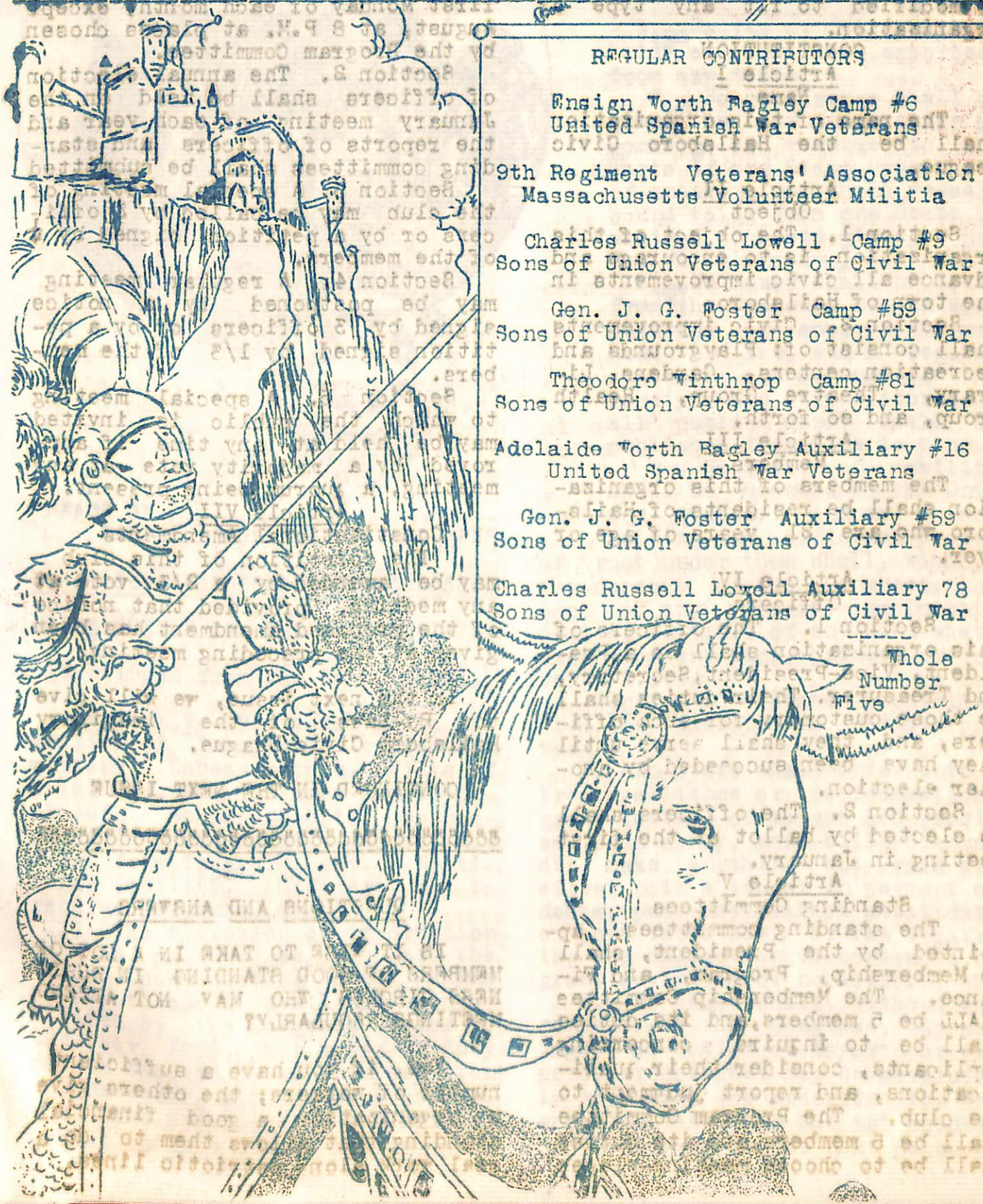

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THE RULES OF PARLIAMENTARY LAW

PART FIVE

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE HAILSBORO CIVIC LEAGUE

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Standing Committees

The standing committees, appointed by the President, shall be Membership, Program, and Finance. The Membership Committee SHALL be 5 members, and its duties shall be to inquire concerning applicants, consider their qualifications, and report judgment to the club. The Program Committee shall be 5 members, and its duties shall be to choose meeting-places and to plan a program of activity. The Finance Committee shall be 3 members, one of whom shall be the Treasurer, and its duties shall be to plot ways and means of raising funds.

Article VI
Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings of this club shall be held on the first Monday of each month, except August, at 8 P.M. at places chosen by the Program Committee.

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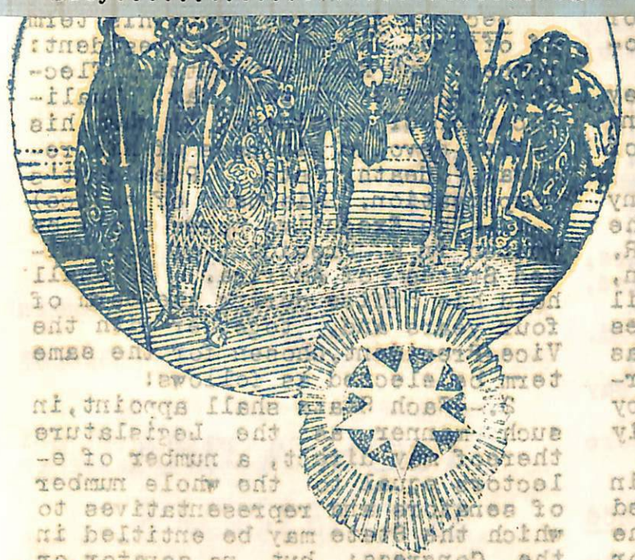

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CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

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(Extract from the Chelsea Evening Record, Monday, November 6, 1939)

WELLS-CHENEY NUPTIALS IN BOSTON

Ernest G. Wells and Miss Jessie G. Cheney, well known young couple were united in marriage Friday evening from the home of the bride groom, 88 Appleton st., Boston, by the Rev. Dr. Francis W. Brett of the Memorial Methodist church, Forest Hills.

The best man was Cecil L. Cheney department organizer of the Sons of Union Veterans, and the maid of honor was Anne Cheney.

After the marriage ceremony which was witnessed by many, the happy party returned to G.A.R. hall, 1151 Washington st., Boston, where a reception was held. Cecil L. Cheney was master of ceremonies After the reception, dancing was enjoyed and a buffet luncheon served. The wedding cake was cut by the bride, who was attractively gowned.

The couple are well known in this city where they have attended many patriotic functions. The bridegroom is an artist and editor of the Patriotic Register and his happy event has a three-fold significance, the date of his wedding he also celebrated his 30th birthday and Nov.7 he will be installed as commander of Charles Russell Lowell Camp 9, Sons of Union Veterans of Boston.

George W. Kimball, P.C. of Camp 81, S. U. V., was a guest of honor and he dedicated a five verse piece of poetry he composed to the couple which made a decided hit.

After a short honeymoon the couple will reside at 7 Norfolk st., Roxbury.

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of all duties and imports, laid by any State on imports or exports, shall be for the use of the Treasury of the United States; and all such laws shall be subject to the revision and control of the Congress.

3.--No State shall, without the consent of Congress lay any duty of tonnage, keep troops or ships of war in time of peace, enter into agreement or compact with another State, or with a foreign power, or engage in war, unless actually invaded, or in such imminent danger as will not admit of delay.

ARTICLE II

Section 1--(President: his term of office. Electors of President: number and how appointed. Electors to vote on same day. Qualification of President. On whom his duties devolve in case of his removal, death, etc. President's compensation. His oath of office)

1.--The Executive power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America. He shall hold his office during the term of four years and, together with the Vice-President, chosen for the same term be elected as follows:

2.--Each State shall appoint, in such manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a number of electors equal to the whole number of senators and representatives to which the State may be entitled in the Congress; but no senator or representative or person holding an office of trust or profit under the United States shall be appointed an elector.

3.--The electors shall meet in their respective States and vote by ballot for two persons, of whom one at least shall not be an inhabitant of the same State with themselves. And they shall make a list of all the persons voted for, and of the number of votes for each, which list they shall sign and certify and transmit, sealed, to the seat of the Government of the United States, directed to the president of the Senate. The president of the Senate shall, in the presence of the Senate and House of Representatives, open all the certificates, and the votes shall then be counted. The person having the greatest number of votes shall be the President, if such a number be a majority of the whole number of electors appointed and if there be more than one who have such a

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AND A MOST PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

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majority, also have an equal number of votes, then the House of Representatives shall immediately choose by ballot one of them for President; and if no person have a majority, then from the 5 highest on the list the said House shall in like manner choose the President. But in choosing the President, the vote shall be taken by States, the representation from each State having one vote. A quorum, for this purpose, shall consist of a member or members from 2 thirds of the States, and a majority of all the States shall be necessary to a choice. In every case after the choice of the President, the person having the greatest number of votes of the electors shall be the Vice-President. But if there should remain 2 or more who have equal vote, the Senate shall choose from them by ballot the Vice-President. (This clause is superseded by Article XII, Amendments.)

4.--The Congress may determine the time of choosing the electors and the day on which they shall give their votes, which day shall be the same throughout the United States.

5.--No person except a natural born citizen, or a citizen of the United States at the time of the adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the office of President; neither shall any person be eligible to that office who shall not have attained the age of 35 years and been 14 years a resident within the United States.

6.--In case of the removal of the President from office or of his death, resignation, or inability to discharge the powers and duties of the said office, the same shall devolve on the Vice-President, and the Congress may by law provide for the case of removal, death, resignation, or inability, both of the President and Vice-President, declaring what officer shall then act as President, and such officer shall act accordingly until the disability be removed or a President shall be elected.

7.--The President shall, at stated times, receive for his services a compensation which shall neither be increased nor diminished during the period for which he shall have been elected, and he shall not receive within that period any other emolument from the United States or any of them.

8.--Before he enter on the execution of his office he shall take the following oath or affirmation:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States."

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NOVEMBER 3, 1939
by
George William Kimball

Ernest Wells, our Friend is happy,
For his birthday is today.
Hes getting more than gifts I hear;
A blushing bride, they say.

May their married life be pleasant,
And their troubles be LITTLE ONES
Is the wish of all their many friends,
And especially the "Sons".

Two happy hearts that beat as one,
May God bless them today.
May their married life be happy
And may troubles stay away.

Let's extend to them our wishes,
As they travel through this land,
And as Patriotic citizens
May they always take their stand.

May sunshine brighten all their way
And good health may they enjoy.
A year from now may we be here
To welcome their first "BOY".

AN INTERESTING BIT OF ATHOL HISTORY

The pleasure-giving visit to Camp 9, Oct. 3, of Commander Doane and his excellent staff of Gen. W. T. Sherman Camp 65 of Athol, Mass., recalls to the writer an interesting bit in the history of the 277 year old town of Athol.

New Salem, the older town, is by custom required to notify Athol when it is time for the boundaries between the 2 towns to be perambulated by the selectmen of each town This must be done every 5 years and means following on foot the town-lines until boundary markers are located; then, daubing the date on each marker with paint, trudging on up and down the hills, through shrubbery, and past ravines to the next markers.

This duty was due to be performed again in October of the current year, and because of the disagreeable aspects of the necessary hiking (not to mention the unlooked for dangers, such as suddenly slipping down a ravine), there was much scrambling among the selectman to appoint substitutes that they, themselves, might be absolved from scrambling, literally, over the hills and dales!

---George Edward Fitz (9)

RECRUITING SONG
(Sung to the tune of "The Beer Barrel Polka")
by
THOMAS HART (9)

Come all you Niners!
We'll win the "Banner" again.
Come all you Niners!
Get a new member today.
We'll keep the "Banner"
For the most number of gains,
So come all you old Camp Niners
And we'll win the Red Banner again

BECAME OFFICIAL IN 1931

"The Star Spangled Banner" did not officially become the American national anthem until 1931.

COMMONWEALTHS

There are 4 Commonwealths in the United States: Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Kentucky. The meaning of the words "state" and "commonwealth" are about the same, but "commonwealth" originally connoted more of self-government than "state".

SHERBORN LEGION AND AUXILIARY

The following are the new officers of Bosworth post: Commander, Clyde Kimball; vice commander, Carl E. Nystrum; adjutant and finance officer, Charles Taylor; chaplain and historian, George P. Carter; insurance officer, Fred C. Carter; employment officer, George Clark.

In the Auxiliary's installation, the degree work was done by the Bessie Edwards Cadets, of Boston.

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EDITORIAL

Minnie Scott Pike, D.P.C. (Aux.78)

Now that most elections and Installations have passed, we are looking forward -- yes, eyes to the front; never to the rear -- for we are pressing forward --- or should be. Our work is more necessary than ever now, if we would keep our beloved American standards where they started -- and should remain!

Our Fathers, who were but "Boys" in 1861-65, helped to preserve the traditions set forth by our patriot-founders. Can we, as their descendents, do less? NO! We must not waver for an instant in our purposes. We must "tell the World the Story", BEFORE the "Boys in Blue" are all gone. We must NOT wait until they are gone, as it may and probably would be, too late then --- for un-American ideas are being subtly spread around, even amongst us.

We should insist, as a Christian-American country, that OUR laws and customs be adhered to --- and not let so many imported ideas gain so much territory, on the inane plea that this is a FREE Country. We are free because we adhered strongly to our first principles, and our freedom of speech, etc., was intended ONLY for American CITIZENS. We all know that alien opinions were not welcomed in the early days of our founding and the only way to curb further inroads on our American safety is to revert to our first rigid standards, allowing freedom of speech, press, religion, etc., to Americans ONLY. We MUST translate our laws more strictly, if we would continue as our fathers and forefathers intended.

THIS IS OUR WORK --- AND IT MEANS HARD, STEADY, UNYIELDING EFFORT. STOP ALL UN-AMERICAN AGENCIES --- WITH NO EXCEPTIONS --- UNTIL OUR HOUSE IS CLEAN AGAIN!

STILL MORE APPRECIATION

From our Commander-in-Chief, Dr. Ralph R. Parrett of California, comes these heartening words:

To The Editor:-

Congratulations -- for your publication in the interest of All Patriotic American Activities; surely a right motive during these uncertain times. I wish we might have more publicity, especially as to Sons of Union Veterans affairs. I heard that mentioned on my trip home from Pittsburgh. You see, I had the opportunity to be in 10 different Departments, with about 30 meetings, contacting 57 different camp representatives and about 600 people. I traveled far to accomplish it and listened in, as I mixed with travelers here and there. Consequently, I had a real opportunity to approach people on the various subjects of interest to the American Public of today.

Too much stress can not be laid upon our activities, so that no eligible Son of a Union Soldier can say, "I did not know there was such an organization."

I liked the idea of the Constitution of the United States -- and to run it through your paper, with parts here and there. How true it is, of this great workable document that it just fits in every part of American Life. In fact, it is the Life of America. A splendid thing to do.

Your Tribute to a Son of a Union Veteran, Dean of Bandmasters -- your illustrations -- very commendable. A write-up by our mutual friend and my good neighbor, P. A. Barrows, P. C. in C., -- one of my closest friends and the one I have received a lot of help from. And inspiring thoughts from others, whom we have had the pleasure to contact so recently. Camp News -- seems like a Page from "One's Home Town Paper." "Good News." The Auxiliary. Spanish War Column. As one Past Commander-in-Chief, Russell Martin of California, often says, when anything pleases him, "Good Stuff"---and I only hope you continue on.

I also take this method to tell you, of Camp #9 and Associates, that we appreciate your pledge of support to the year's work of the Commandery-in-Chief -- both of myself and The Staff --- and I am sure we are fortunate in such fine co-operation we have thus far encountered. We feel quite optimistic as to our labors for this year

Wishing You and Yours all successes,

I am yours in F. C. L.,
Ralph R. Barrows, M.D.
Commander-in-Chief

Following this very complete inspiration from our chief executive comes further encouragement, both practical and ideal, from the lovely and efficient little Secretary of our National Auxiliary, Sister Maude B. Warren.

"Am writing to express to you my appreciation for the copies of the little paper, The Patriotic Register, which I have received. I enjoy reading it very much."

The donation that accompanied these nice words was more than acceptable -- for it came when we didn't know where our next can of ink was coming from.

Our patron and advisor, Past Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Kirchgassner, has helped us, both financially and critically.

Thanking us for the November issue, he tells us that "it continues to be up to its former standard." He warns us against too much cheap gossip and advises us to "Keep to some of the live issues you have produced of worthwhile affairs."

One of the most valuable and active members of our Order, he is unusually busy at this time of year. In spite of his many duties, both business and domestic, he finds an amazing amount of time to advance the best interests of our organization. We would like to add here, for good measure, that he is one of the most efficient and impressive Installing Officers we have ever had the good fortune of witnessing.

It is one of the really great joys of life, to receive a word of praise from a friend. And our indispensable Department Secretary, Brother Leon Palmer, is that to all of us.

He writes, "Glad to hear that the "Register" is prospering and enclose a subscription to it. You are doing a good piece of work with it and I hope it will continue to grow."

From Framingham, our own Ed Hosmer, Correspondent and Brother Assistant Organizer, writes:

"I want to congratulate you on your fine paper. It should be a great help to the Department---and also to your camp and auxiliary. I wish the Editor and "The Patriotic Register" all the success in the world."

The following communication from Worcester should be of interest to all "Sons", because of the dates and events therein. But it should be of particular interest to our boys of Camp 9, because of its appreciative remarks.

I have enjoyed reading the copy of "The Patriotic Register" which you gave me at Willie Grout Camp initiation. The work as put on by Charles Russell Lowell Camp #9 de-

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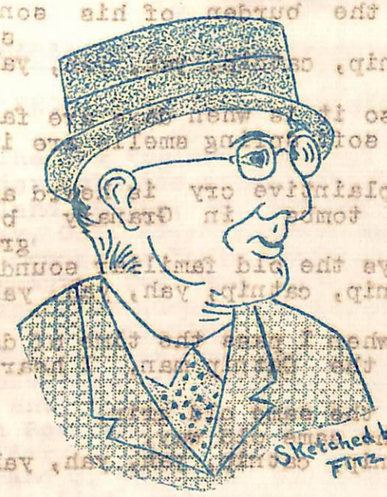

RICHARD J. RENNICK
A Son of A Union Veteran

By George Edward Fitz

When I was a little boy of about 5 or 6, some 60 years ago, women were long skirts which swept the ground. It was considered "the thing" to wear a shawl over their shoulders in cold weather (usually a very expensive Paisley shawl), as present-day styles of outer-coats were not, of course, then in the mode. It was a common sight, and considered "perfectly all right," in those days, to see even old men sometimes wearing shawls!

My beloved mother used to take me along, perforce, on her almost daily "Shopping Trips" (they were Trips, all right, from city to city, in those days of "horse-cars"!) to the "Dry Goods Stores" (now called Department Stores) in Boston. I recall seeing an old man, in a faded shawl, selling "Catnip" (there were more cats than dogs as house-pets in those times!), winter and summer, at a little stand outside, and close to, the wall of the "Old Granary" burial-ground on Tremont St., Boston (nearby the historic Park St. Church). I also recall his cheerful grin, as he continually called out his wares, in a high-pitched, cackling voice: "Catnip? Catnip? Yah, yah, yah!"

The years rolled by; I finished school and went to work in Boston. Then, in my passings to and fro, one day, about 22 years ago, I noticed the old Catnip-seller was no longer about -- his stand had been taken over by a younger man, in his thirties. This new-comer proved to be an interesting conversationalist. People liked to stop a moment or two and converse with him. He "liked to talk with people", himself. Soon "they were making these "talks" a habit; telling him their troubles and ailments, as to a priest, and receiving sympathy, encouragement, and sage advice. (Incidentally, of course, they bought his Catnip. But he didn't seem to care much about that part) His sales were small and his profit little, but he most enjoyed talking with people. And today he is known to thousands of Bostonian and transients, as "The' out-of-doors Catnip-Seller, of Tremont St, at the 'Old Granary' Burial-Ground" (as the Revolutionary-times Cemetery is called).

Today, this Catnip-man is in his late-fifties! He hasn't changed much, after 22 years at his tiny stand. His face is red from exposure to all weathers, but the eyes behind the spectacles on his hooked nose are still keen, though his hair is gray and less abundant. However, he still "likes to talk to people"! "That's the reason I come here, day after day!" he says, with a grin and a wink. He doesn't have to sell Catnip (at 10¢ a bag, he doesn't make more than $3.50 a day at the most, under the best conditions). He has a "nest-egg", saved-up for the proverbial "Rainy-Day!" But every day he goes out and picks his Catnip fresh, in private grounds permitted him in Peabody, Mass. -- where he has a little home (he used to room in Boston, on "Shawmut Avenue!) --- and hastens to Boston to his little rent-free stand, where he displays his wares and eagerly waits for a "talk with people"!

It may surprise my readers to learn that this popular little old "Catnip-Man", Richard J. Rennick,

is a Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War! He is a Member in good standing of Lt. Charles R. Warner Camp 87, of Peabody,Mass. His father, James Rennick, was a Private in the 1st Co. of the 9th Mass. Reg't. in the Civil War,and fought in 27 battles --- on one occasion, freezing his toes. He was honorably discharged from the Service.

As to how Richard Rennick happened to become a seller of Catnip in Boston -- there is a romantic business story! Back in the days of the War "boom", he, with other millworkers in Peabody,was earning $100 a week.

He sensed that such high wages couldn't last,and told his fellow-workers so. However, they only scoffed at him; so he decided to quit his job and secure a sure one while there was yet time!

Having, for a while, plenty of leisure and money, he used to come often to Boston; and, like everybody else, got in the habit of talking with the old man in the shawl, who sold Catnip and various remedial herbs at the"Old Granary" Burial-Ground. After some time, the old man gave him the stand and the business!

Then, he studied herbs and became expert in their curative properties, like the Indians; so, when people tell him their ailments,he is able to give them some good free reliable herbal remedies other than "Catnip-Tea"!

He is also no mean "weather-prophet", as his out-door life has schooled him to read the changes in the weather.

Last, but not least, he is a confirmed bachelor! He has heard so much from those who have stopped to tell him their troubles, that he thinks it best for him to remain single.

"THE 'CATNIP' MAN"
By
George W. Pearson

There beside Old Granary's wall,
Amid the snow and sleet,
The Catnip man in faded shawl
Cries out his wares, as passing feet
Move up and down on Tremont street;
And the burden of his song is sweet,
"Catnip, catnip, yah, yah, yah."

And so it is when days are fair,
When soft spring smells are in the air,
His plaintive cry is heard around
The tombs in Granary burial ground,
Always the old familiar sound,
"Catnip, catnip, yah, yah, yah."

And when I pass the time of day
With the Catnip man, I hear him say,
With the same old grin,
In the same old way,
"Catnip, catnip, yah, yah, yah."

His nose and chin are friendly now,
The tired old eyes beneath his brow
Have an absent look so far away,
A troubled look that seems to say,
"Catnip, catnip, yah, yah, yah."

'Tis many years since first I saw
The Catnip man mid winter's thaw,
Beside the gates of Granary.
I wonder some day will I pass
The ancient stones and withered grass,
And hear a ghostly voice, alas,
"Catnip, catnip, yah, yah, yah"!

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APPRECIATION

gree team should inspire the new Camp #25 officers to attain accomplishment themselves. I appreciate immensely your services in coming such a distance, during the busy Fall period.

Expect to be at the quarterly meeting, at the Masonic Temple on Dec. 12th. We have a recess at 4:45 P.M. Did you ever see their museum exhibit? My cousin, Rev. E. B. Smith,did several months research work in the library on the 4th floor.

Perhaps you will be up again on Jan.19th when the Worcester County Association meet at 55 Pearl St., Worcester.

Fraternally yours,
Frank D. Smith,
Camp #25 Sec'y.

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL ASSOCIATION

The New England Regional Association held its annual meeting at Portland, Maine, on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 28--29. Past Department Commander Towle made all arrangements for the meetings and for the clam supper and entertainment in the evening.

The regular meetings were held in Bosworth Post Memorial Hall,but the entertainment was held at South Portland jointly with the Auxiliary. Past Dept. Commander Bertrand O. DeForest of Connecticut presided and received reports of the activities from all the New England Departments, all of which were represented.

New Hampshire Department reported a net gain in membership for the September quarter --- and a drive for membership was instituted between all Departments.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

REGIONAL COMMANDER
Claude E. Rockwood, N.H.

REGIONAL VICE COMMANDER
Fred O. Arnold, R.I.

SECRETARY -- TREASURER
Henry F. Weiler, Mass.

REGIONAL PUBLICITY DIRECTOR
Henry Towle, Me.

REGIONAL RADIO DIRECTOR
H. H. Hale, Mass.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
H. B. Sanborn, Conn.
Wm. H. Poole, R.I.
Wm. E. Fuller, Mass.
Chas. C. Webster, Maine
Jas. L. Ellsworth, N.H.
Arthur W. Robinson, Vt.

The next meeting of the association will be held at Montpelier, Vermont, in May, 1940.

--- Frank L. Kirchgassner,
Past Commander-in-Chief

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HOPE DEFERRED
Or
WAITING FOR THE W. P. A.
by
Minnie Scott Pike, D.P.C.

When you've nothing in the world
And from the top been hurled,
You wonder where to turn and how to cope.
Everyone has their own trouble.
Yours--to them--is just a bubble.
All you can do, at that, is wait and hope.

Oh, the hours you wait are long,
As you wonder if you're wrong
To want to do some work of useful kind.
You remember things you've done
To help along some one,
Too busy now, to keep you in their mind.

You'll fill form after form
(Red tape won't keep you warm);
If work was found 'twould be from Heaven sent.
You get promises galore,
Yet one could wish for more;
For a promise buys no food nor pays the rent.

Tho' seldom pessimistic,
Most always optimistic,
My patience now has worn until quite thin.
I only seek employment;
To feel, with some enjoyment,
I'm not a hindrance to the world I'm in.

However, live we must,
And wait to join the dust,
Until we hear "our number" called aloud.
Tho' hope deferred will still
Make the heart quite ill;
We wait -- and hope -- till we can quit the crowd.

"OUR ONLY SALVATION"
by
George William Kimball
Nov. 24, 1939

If the world paid more attention
To the words of GOD each day,
Then war would cease to function
And our hearts would be more gay.

The "isms" of the present day
Have turned their backs on GOD,
And millions of our youthful souls
Are reposing in the sod.

Let's read our Bible once again
And honor GOD once more;
Then peace and honor we'll enjoy,
As in the days of yore.

Our CHRIST is always happy,
Friends,
To take us in His Fold.
His mercy is as great today,
As in the days of old.

His birthday we will soon observe,
For CHRISTMAS is quite near.
Let all the world unite in prayer,
Then we'll enjoy good cheer.

To bring about a peaceful world,
We must offer prayers each day
To JESUS CHRIST, the only Son,
Who's in Heaven, far away.

The only "ism" that we admire,
To guard us from all wars,
Is "AMERICANISM", that protects us
And guides our humane laws.

So let us strive to do our part;
May GOD bless us each day.
For in helping others, we please Him
In the good old Christian Way.

ENSIGN WORTH BAGLEY CAMP #6
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS
G. A. R. Hall, 14 Green St.
Charlestown, Massachusetts

Everad L. Cheney, Commander

Vice Pres. George Lovejoy and Past Pres. John J.S. Fahey of the Boston Municipal Council have been appointed chairman and secretary of the Maine memorial committee, which will arrange for the observance of the 42d anniversary of the sinking of the Maine, Feb. 15,1898

Camp #6 was inspected Thursday, December 7th, by Past Commander Jeremiah Sullivan. The camp held up its good reputation and a large percentage of our membership was present.

The late Gen. Edward L. Logan was a mere stripling when he enlisted in the 9th Regiment at the outbreak of the Spanish War. His father was its lieutenant-colonel and an uncle, Michael J. O'Connor, who died of yellow fever in Santiago, Cuba, was one of its majors. A truly Patriotic Family!

Comrade George Farner is south for the winter.

"Some repose in the soil of fair Cuba
And are resting in their coats of blue
Again and again we tell the story
How they died for the downcast so true
They heard the cry of Spains cruel oppression
As it came oer the waters so clear
And they marched side by side to the rescue
Of the thousands who were praying in tears.

Comrade Edward C. Fowler, P.C., is busy inspecting Camps all over the State.

On Thursday, December 21, a Christmas party will be sponsored in U.S.W.V. hall, 228A Cherry St., Chelsea, by Camp 24, U.S.W.V.; U.S.W.V. Auxiliary 37; and Camp 10, Sons of Spanish War Veterans. On January 18 the 3 organizations will sponsor a Whist Party in the same hall. On Feb. 15th, the following organizations will observe the 42nd anniversary of the Sinking of the Maine at the Soldiers' Home:

Camp 24, U.S.W.V. & its Aux. 37
Camp 10, Sons Spanish War Veterans
Lair No.3,Military Order Serpent
Swamp No.9,Military Order Lizard

The Whist Party and the Maine Exercises are open to the general public.

At a meeting of Lair No. 3, Military Order of the Serpent, George W. Kimball (Thrice for said Lair) was unanimously chosen as a Zamboango Slave -- an honor granted for meritorious service to the Lair and the United Spanish War Veterans. He will act as a National Aide to the Supreme Gu Gu Grandississimo. Honor was granted Nov. 26th -- and he will receive his national commission to function in his new office.

-- George Wm. Kimball

NINTH REGIMENT VETERANS' ASSOCIATION, M.V.M.

Commander John Sheehan

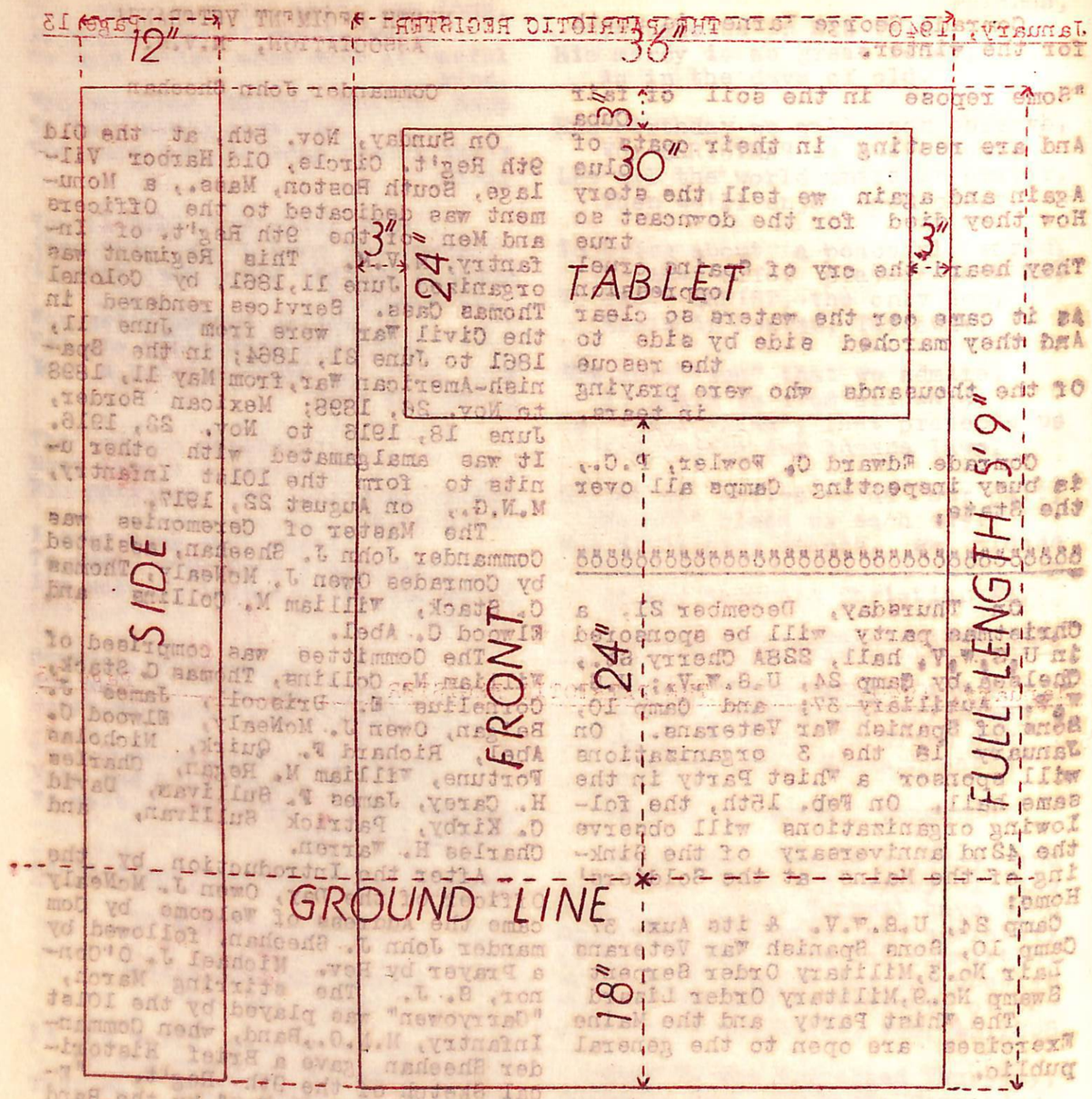
On Sunday, Nov. 5th, at the Old 9th Reg't. Circle, Old Harbor Village, South Boston, Mass., a Monument was dedicated to the Officers and Men of the 9th Reg't. of Infantry, M.V.M. This Regiment was organized June 11,1861, by Colonel Thomas Cass. Services rendered in the Civil War were from June 11, 1861 to June 21, 1864; in the Spanish-American War, from May 11, 1898 to Nov. 26, 1898; Mexican Border, June 18, 1916 to Nov. 22, 1916. It was amalgamated with other units to form the 101st Infantry, M.N.G., on August 22, 1917.

The Master of Ceremonies was Commander John J. Sheehan, assisted by Comrades Owen J. McNealy, Thomas C. Stack, William M. Collins and Elwood C. Abel.

The Committee was comprised of William M. Collins, Thomas C. Stack, Cornelius E. Driscoll, James J. Beigan, Owen J. McNealy, Elwood C. Abel, Richard F. Quirk, Nicholas Fortune, William M. Regan, Charles H. Carey, James F. Sullivan, David C. Kirby, Patrick Sullivan, and Charles H. Warren.

After the Introduction by the Officer of the Day, Owen J. McNealy came the Address of Welcome by Commander John J. Sheehan, followed by a Prayer by Rev. Michael J. O'Connor, S. J. The stirring March, "Garryowen" was played by the 101st Infantry, M.N.G., Band, when Commander Sheehan gave a Brief Historical Sketch of the 9th Reg't. "Echoes of the Civil War" by the Band preceded the Unveiling of the Monument by Mrs. Adeline Cass Rymes and Edward L. Logan, Jr. Dr. James T. Hanley officiated at the Placing of the Wreath.

In the Salute to the Dead, the Lowering of the Colors was by Sergeant Thomas C. Stack, the Vollies by the Firing Squad of Co. B (Capt James B. McFarland), and Taps by the Regimental Buglar. "Memories of 1898" by the Band was the prelude to an Address by General John



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SEAL OF THE REGIMENT 4"IN DIAMETER

J. Sullivan. "Airs of the World War" by the Band ushered in an Address by Col. Paul G. Kirk of the 101st Inf., M.N.G. The Hon. Maurice J. Tobin, Mayor of Boston, was followed by the Hon. John W. McCormack, M. C., on the speaking platform. A fitting climax to these inspiring ceremonies was the rendition of our National Anthem by the Band.

Gen. CHARLES RUSSELL LOWELL

BRIGADIER GENERAL CHARLES RUSSELL LOWELL, JR.

by
Minnie Scott Pike,
D.P.C., Auxiliary,
S. U. V. C. W.

This is a short history of the life of Charles Russell Lowell, for whom Post 7, G.A.R., was named. Most of the data was kindly furnished by Brother Peter Leahy, who was Chaplain of Post 7 for quite a while — until the last Comrade responded to the call of the Grand Commander-in-Chief above. Other facts were gleaned from the Encyclopedia of Americans, in Bates Hall, Boston Public Library.

Brigadier-General Charles Russell Lowell was born in Boston on January 2, 1835, the son of Charles Russell Lowell and Anna Cabot Jackson (old American stock), and grandson of Rev. Charles Lowell.

He attended Harvard College and graduated at the head of his Class being the Valedictorian, in 1854.

After graduation, he accepted work with the Ames Machine Company donning overalls and jumper and learning the business thoroughly. He remained nearly 2 years, when he was offered the position of Assistant Superintendent with the Mount Savage Iron Works at Cumberland, Maryland.

War, being in the air, stirred things up in that State, which tried to stay in the Union — as there were sympathizers of both sides there. The climax came when the 6th Mass. Inf. Reg't. was mobbed in the streets of Baltimore, as they were en route to Washington, in response to President Lincoln's call for Volunteers.

Charles Russell Lowell resigned and, after settling his affairs, went to Washington to tender his services. Since all connections with Washington were closed, he could not get transportation and he walked the whole way.

He got in touch with Senator Sumner, a personal friend, who took him to the War Department and introduced the young man to the Secretary. Commissioned as Captain of the 6th United States Cavalry, on May 14, 1861, he was later transferred to the 2nd Mass. Volunteers — which he helped to organize — and was commissioned as Captain on May 10, 1863. He, it was, who induced Adna R. Chaffee to enlist in that Regiment as a private.

Capt. Lowell was in command of that Regiment in the Army of the Potomac all through the Peninsula Campaign, after which he was breveted Major for gallantry and assigned to the personal Staff of General McLellan.

At Antietam, he conveyed the orders of the Commanding General under severe fire, rallied broken regiments, and displayed a degree of courage that was rewarded by his being selected to carry the captured standards to Washington.

In the Autumn of 1862, he organized the 2nd Mass. Cavalry, and was then commissioned Colonel of the Regiment by Gov. John A. Andrew He was in command of the advanced defenses of Washington during the Winter of 1863-64 and was engaged against the attack of Gen. Early in July, 1864.

Later, he commanded the provisional Cavalry Brigade under General Sheridan in Shenandoah Valley and, finally, he was in command of the reserve Brigade, which was made up of 3 Regiments of United States Cavalry — his own Regiment — and a Battery of Artillery — which distinguished itself at the battle of Opequons Creek (Winchester), September 19, 1864, and, on October 9th, took a leading part in the overthrow of Gen. Rosser's Cavalry.

At Cedar Creek, on Oct. 19, 1864, he held the enemy in check until the arrival of Gen. Sheridan, who formed his new line close behind Lowell's men. Though wounded early in the day, he was lifted on his horse and led his Brigade in the final successful charge, where he received his mortal wound.

His commission as Brigadier General, issued at the request of General Sheridan, was signed at

Washington on the day of this battle. He never knew of his promotion, as he died at Middletown, Virginia, the next day, October 20, 1864. A truly brave and valiant man!

He was married in October 1863 to Josephine Shaw, daughter of Francis and Sarah Blake (Sturgis) Shaw. He is buried in Mt. Auburn Cemetery, in Cambridge. His Uncle, James Russell Lowell (the poet, author and editor), was at one time Minister to the Court of St. James England.

His was truly a life of achievement, considering that he was a Brigadier-General at the age of twenty-nine. A real hero --- and one to emulate!

FRAMINGHAM

CAMP 59 NEWS

AND ALLIED ORDERS
by
Edward M. Hosmer, A.D.O.

G. A. R. Items

Hudson, Mass.)

Reno Post recently elected their officers. Joseph H. Crocker, President; Mrs. Elizabeth G. Pike, Vice President; George A. Derby, Sec'y; Mrs. Elsie G. Houghton, Treas. And these constitute the trustees: Lyman A. Grant, Mrs. Nellie Webber, Mrs. Susan Peters, Harry C. Gates, and Russell Still.

Monson, Mass.)

Francis E. Lemen, of State St., recently observed his 95th birthday. He is the town's only surviving Grand Army veteran, and its oldest man. He is a member of the A. A. Gage Camp, Sons of Union Veterans, His father, Francis P. Lemon, was also a Soldier in the Civil War and was killed in action July 30, 1864.

U.S.W.V. Items

Beverly, Mass.)

The annual installation of the newly-elected officers of Major A. P. Gardner Camp, United Spanish War Veterans, was recently held in G.A.R. Hall, with the members of their Auxiliary as guests. There were 16 Comrades of the Old Co. E, 8th Regiment, present. The following officers were installed by Col. Edward H. Gihon of Boston, assisted by Past Commander Wm. Maguire of Lynn as Master of Cermonies. Col. Frederick W. Stofford, Commander; Wm. Doran, S.V.C.; Wm. P. Coleman, J.V.C.; Herman O. Grotzohann, adjt.; Geo. S. Williams, 2.M.; Walter Mills, trust.; Clarence P. Butman, P. I.; Albert Hurlburt, hist.; Dr. Peer P. Johnson, surg.; Walter Mills, Chap.; Oscar Johnson, O.O.D.; Albert Hurlburt, O.O.G.; Geo. S. Williams, S.M.; Alonzo Foster, 2.M.S.; Frederick H. Beckford, S.C.S.; Fred B. Folsom, J.C.S.; Edwin B. Lancy, Chief Mus.

Framingham, Mass.)

Sergeant Walters Camp 58, U.S.W.V., and their Auxiliary had a recent Joint Installation, with Past Commander Frank Ganaway installing the men and Mrs. Annie L. Fitch, Past President, installing the Auxiliary. Refreshments were served by the ladies.

S.U.V.C.W. Items

Framingham, Mass.)

Gen. J.G. Foster Camp and their Auxiliary are having their meeting at A.O.H. Hall, Victory Bldg., and Civic League Bldg., respectively.

Oxford, Mass.)

The following officers were installed Nov. 20 in Albert Prince Camp #112, Sons of Union Veterans: Leon Johnson, Commander; Chas. B. Farrer, S.V.C.; Wm. E. Stone, J.V.C.; Walter Johnson, Roland Farrer, Merton McKinstry, Council; Rev. Harry G. Butler, Sunan Turner, John Devears, Sr., Delegates to the State Convention.

Framingham, Mass.)

Commander W.H. Moulton, Albion A. Morse, and Asst. Dept. Organizer Edw. M. Hosmer of Gen. J.G. Foster Camp 59, S.U.V., attended the meeting of the Sons of Union Veterans Indoor Baseball League held at Northboro, Mass., on Oct. 11, to make arrangements for the Winter Schedule for 1939 & 1940 -- and to elect officers for the year. Albion A. Morse of Camp 59, Framingham, was reelected President of the League. Commander Paul Hoye of Camp #25, Worcester, was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Fiskdale, Mass.)

Franklin C. Monroe, Past Comdr. of Camp 55, Southbridge, installed the officers of J. Arthur Johnson Camp 125, Sons of Union Veterans, at Fiskdale recently. The following officers were seated: Commander Otis Clarke, S.V.C. Geo. R. Shepard, J.V.C. Albert E. Howlitt, Council for 3 years Wm. Allen, Treasurer Harry Shepard, Sec'y. Kenneth Shepard, P.I. Allen E. Shepard, Guide Ephraim White, Color Bearer Elmer Vickers, Chaplain Wm. Allen, Guard Chas. Shepard.

Framingham, Mass.)

At the regular meeting of Gen. J. G. Foster Camp 59, S.U.V., held on Nov. 14th, the following officers were elected: Commander Vincent M. Sawyer; S.V.C. Edw. N.B. Hosmer, Jr.; J.V.C. wm. E. VanDenburgh; Council Warren H. Moulton, Albion A. Morse, Arthur A. Pratt; Sec'y. Edw. M. Hosmer; Treas. Clifford L. Reynolds; P.I. Chas. F. Moulton; Guide Warren H. Moulton; Chaplain Albion A. Morse Color Bearer Arthur A. Pratt; Guards Irving B. Morse & Harold C. Butterfield.

D.U.V.C.W. Items

Southbridge, Mass.)

12 U.S. Flags were presented recently to the new Charlton Street School by Helen E. Smith Tent, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, during an open house in the School. The flags consisted of one silk auditorium flag, a large outside flag & 10 classroom flags. Mrs. Rose Shepard, a Past President of the Tent and present Patriotic Instructor, made the presentation.

Milton, Mass.)

Tent No. 1, D.U.V.C.W., successfully held its Annual Autumn Fair at the Town Hall, Oct. 20th, with Mrs. Mable Long, Chairman. The Committee included Mrs. Bertha Whitman, Mrs. Caroline Williams, Mrs. Elsie Landers, Mrs. Clara Delano, Mrs. Rita Sweeney, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Eliza Emerson and Mrs. Margaret Patterson.

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By George Edward Fitz (9)
P. O. Box 765, Boston

(N.B. Nothing in this Column is necessarily to be interpreted as the views of "THE PATRIOTIC REGISTER".)

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"What though I brag
About the Flag!
She well-deserves renown:
No enemy,
On land or sea,
Has ever pulled her down!"

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War does not determine who is right; only who is left!

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The first newspaper columnist in the United States was probably the Rev. Increase Mather, who started his "Advice to the Public" Column in 1721.

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The first Publisher to establish Freedom of the Press in America, was John Peter Zenger. Arrested for "seditious libels against the Government" and brought to trial, he was defended by Andrew Hamilton. His triumphant acquittal by the jury was regarded as the first important victory for the freedom of the American press. The verdict has been called "the Morning Star of that Liberty which subsequently revolutionized America"!

The Cigarette, which calms Columnists, Authors, and Publishers (and the latters Printers!), was invented in 1832 by French Soldiers, when they wrapped some tobacco in the paper-casing of a cartridge.

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The first Coins struck by the United States Mint were Nickels (or "Half-Dimes", as they were at first called). And the bullion to make them was so limited that Martha Washington sent some of her prized silverware to be melted down and made into Nickels, for the infant Nation of which George was "Head-Man"!

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"The Sharpshooter" hopes that you had and have a bounteous and happy Thanksgiving Day; a right "Merry Christmas", with good old Santa filling your socks or stockings to overflowing; and that you all may enjoy your happiest, most successful, and prosperous New Year in 1940. "God bless us, every one!"

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Pleasant sort of weather we all enjoyed, throughout November and December. Just the right sort of Harvestlike evenings, prolonged, for enjoying a sweet, red-cheeked MacIntosh apple and a snack of doughnuts and sweet cider, as one read his favorite book beside the floor lamp and cozily-warm radiator.

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Our popular Editor of ye "Patriotic Register", Ernest G. Wells, triply celebrated his 30th Birthday Anniversary on November 3; not only observing the festive occasion, but "jumping" from the Office of Secretary to that of Commander of Camp 9. And last but not least, taking unto himself a charming, blushing bride --- Jessie Cheney, sister of the former Camp Commander, Jim Cheney.

"O, happy youth! for whom thy
Fate reserved so fair a bride!"
-- Dryden.

"Look down, you gods,
And on this couple drop a blessed
crown!"
-- Shakespeare.

He (sighing, and taking her hand in his): "Darling, do you remember, when we first met in the revolving door at the Post Office?"

She: "Surely! But, that was not the first time we met?"

He: "Oh, no! But, that was when we first started going around together, wasn't it?"

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TO ERNIE AND JESSIE!

"There's a bliss beyond all that
the minstrel has told,
When two, that are link'd in one
heavenly tie,
With heart never changing, and brow
never cold,
Love on thro' all ills, and love on
'til they die!"
-- Moore.

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Close on the heels of Editor Wells' 30th Anniversary, came the 66th Birthday Anniversary of "Ye Sharpshooter"! The latter "celebrated" by entering an adult evening trade school, to learn a 3rd trade. You can never tell when some one of us may get employment again, and it pays to be prepared!

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At a banquet, recently, a toast given was: "Woman! Without her, man is a brute!" However, the newspaper compositor set it in type as: "Woman, without her man, is a brute!"

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During the last World War, Marshal Foch of France once pointed with his pipe-stem to the Polish Corridor and prophesied: "That is where the next War will start!" It seems to the writer as though the "statesmen" who created that "Corridor" should have had the foresight of this blunt and efficient old soldier.

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TEACHER: "Johnny, always remember that work well-done never has to be done over!"

JOHNNY: "Teacher, did you ever mow a lawn?"

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ENGLISHMAN: "I really think our English custom at the telephone is better than your American one of saying 'Hello?'"

AMERICAN: "What do you say in England?"

ENGLISHMAN: "Why, we say: 'Are you there?' Then, of course, if you're not there, there is no use going on with the conversation!"

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"I was born an American; I live an American; I shall die an American!"

-- Daniel Webster.

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Doubtless the last strictly military parade of the veterans of the G.A.R. was that held at Pittsburg, Pa., on Aug. 30. Although the ranks were swelled by other military organizations, approximately 100 of the old "Boys in Blue" were in line. There are, now, only slightly over 60 veterans of the G.A.R. surviving in Mass.

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The first consignment of the new Garand Rifles, a modern quick-firing weapon, which eventually will supplant the familiar Army Springfield Rifle, was received by Adjt. Gen. Edgar C. Erickson on Nov. last and issued to the 181st Infantry Reg't. of the Mass. National Guard. This Reg't. was selected for the honor because it had attained the highest percentage of Bay State units in small-arms qualifications in 1938.

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Here's a good stunt for filling an interval, when you are having a private home "Beano" Party: Mystifying Mathematics -- Write down the number of your house; double it; add 5. Then, multiply by 50. Now, add your age to the total. Next, add the number of days in a year --- 365. From the total, subtract 615. If you do this formula correctly, the last 2 figures of the grand total will be your age, and the other figures --your house-number. Fact! Try it!

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What's become of the old-time school-ma'am who used to "punish" a boy by making him sit between 2 gals?

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"Ye Sharpshooter" is out to make a "hit" with as many of his readers as possible. With this end in view (and with the approval of the Editor), "The Sharpshooter" takes pleasure in presenting for your notice an orignal

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x "SIMOLEON" PRIZE CONTEST x
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A "Simoleon", as you may know, is the old New England "Yankee" slang-term for One Dollar. "The Sharpshooter" now offers a Case Prize of One Simoleon for the Best Suggestion for improving his column; either by the addition or deletion of certain matter, or features. Tell him, in as few words as possible, what you like, or don't like, in the Column; what you would like to see added to it, or omitted from it. All Entries must be written legibly in ink, hand-printed in ink, or typewritten on the message-side of an ordinary one-cent Government Postal Card -- signed with the name and address of the Contestant and addressed to Bro. Geo. E. Fitz, P. O. Box 765, Boston, Mass. Frivolous, or disparaging, remarks will be ignored and such Entries promptly disqualified, as will also all Entries not written on U.S. Postal Cards. This is a genuine Contest Offer and many could use an easily-won Simoleon. (There are times when even "The Sharpshooter" himself could make good use of a Simoleon these days.) So enter this Contest in all sincerity, and in the good faith in which it is offered.

This Contest will not only help "The Sharpshooter" to give you the items you like best in his Column, but will also contribute a great deal toward boosting the popularity of "The Patriotic Register" as well. Therefore, send in your Entries -- NOW! Observe the RULES already set forth above and address your Entry as specified in this Column under this offer. All ENTRIES must be postmarked not later than midnight of Feb. 1, 1940. In case any 2 Entries are considered to have equal merit, the earliest Postmark will decide the

Winner. All Entries become the property of "The Sharpshooter" and he will be the sole Judge of all Entries submitted.

FLASHES FROM
THEODORE WINTHROP CAMP #81, CHELSEA
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE C.W.
by
George Wm. Kimball

Camp #81 and its Auxiliary 38 were publicly installed on Nov. 27th in U.S.W.V.Hall before an audience of 200, including the heads of the city government, veteran and patriotic organizations. Edgar W. Harding, who has done much to cement good feelings between the racial groups in the city, has been installed as commander for his second term.

Past Commander George Wm. Kimball was an honored guest at the wedding of the Editor of the Patriotic Register and during the reception he composed a poem dedicated to the Editor and his wife & which made a decided hit. (See Page 6!)-- Ed.) During the past month, Bro. Kimball has composed about 20 poems and is making good with the newspapers along this line.

Auxiliary 38 made a presentable showing in the motion pictures, running in connection with Chelsea's Bicentennial Celebration. In their natty uniforms, they did themselves justice, under the leadership of Mrs. Mary V. L. Lynch, President.

During the display of relics, etc., in the Legion Bldg., in connection with Chelseas Bicentennial Celebration, Camp #81 had many famous pictures of Post #35, G.A.R., and the charter of said post (presented recently to the camp by the widow of the last Chelsea G.A.R. Veteran, Mrs. Elizabeth V. Nickerson. The Chamber of Commerce, who was sponsoring this celebration, was very pleased with the fine civil War display.

Through the hard work of Past Commander Wm. S. Henry, a Trustee of the G. A. R. Hall, the camp has been the recipient of all property of Post 35, G.A.R., which was stored in this historic building. The property is now in possession of Camp 81.

Chelsea Post 71, Jewish War Veterans of the U.S., has sent a letter to Camp 81 for their part in allowing various nationalities and creeds to participate in the Memorial Day exercises. The post is loud in their praise for the camps fine attitude, which will strengthen the fraternal feelings between the veteran groups and the Sons of Union Veterans. Commander Harding should feel proud for his fine patriotic work, which has placed the camp in a more favorable light among the foreign born.

The Camp is sorry to announce the death of one of its charter members, Oscar T. Prescott.

Camp 81 is sorry to announce the death of Wm. Haskell, father of Past Commander Wm. E. Haskell. The Camp had a delegation at the funeral services held at Woodlawn Cemetery.

S.U.V. Auxiliary 38 announces the death of Past President Mrs. Lillian E. Huntoon's father, Chas. McPhee, which occured recently after a lengthy illness.

Enos F. Varno, a member of Camp 81 for many years, and a member of the V.F.W. and U.S.W.V., is critically ill at the Soldier's Home hospital.

On the Camp's Americanization Committee, are Bros. Leo P. Casey, Sup't. of the Public Schools, and Joseph E.Henry, Master of the large Shurtleff School of Chelsea.

One of the new camp members, Bro. Edw. J. Hubner, history teacher in the Chelsea Sr. High School, will serve as Patriotic Instructor -- which is most welcome news.

One of the most active members of Camp 81 is Secretary-Treasurer George Wm. Kimball, who is doing a splendid work among the veteran units in the city: Pres. Chelsea High School Parent-Teacher Assoc.; Pres. Townsend Club --- and during the past few weeks he has assisted the following worth-while enterprises: Sec'y. of the Salvation Army Advisory Board; Co-Chairman of the People's Church, Colored (in connection with their 50th anniversary); and Treasurer of the 50th anniversary of the Coming of the Sisters of Providence to St. Rose Church. But with all his hard work, he has had time to assist the Sons of Union Veterans in the capacity of an officer for 32 years.

Another real worker is past department commander Addison A. Quinn, who is a busy body among the Masons, Odd Fellows, Sons of Union Veterans -- and is Chairman of the Salvation Drive for Chelsea. He is loyal to Camp 81 and is always ready to lend his aid to further the advancement of our order.

The Camp's soloist, Raymond L. Kimball, will again serve as Sr. Vice Commander.

Sister Anna Belle Kimball, P.P. of Aux. 38, was recently installed as Sr. Vice Pres., U.S.W.V. Auxiliary 37. After 18 years as Treasurer of S.U.V. Aux. 38, she retired with regrets - having served as an officer in Aux. 38 for over 25 years.

On Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 30th, Past Commander and Mrs. Wm.S. Henry observed their 53rd wedding anniversary. Congratulations to these 2 patriotic citizens. Bro. Henry has been a loyal member of Camp for 50 years, while his wife is a booster of Auxiliary 38.

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ADELAIDE WORTH BAGLEY AUXILIARY 16
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS
by
Katherine A. Collett, Reporter

The election of officers for the year 1940 took place at the annual meeting of Adelaide Worth Bagley Auxiliary on Friday, December 9th. Those chosen to carry on the work were as follows:

President Rose L. Kendall
Senior Vice President Jessie Wells
Junior Vice Pres. Elizabeth Pray
Chaplain Mary F. Henning
Patriotic Instr. Catherine Quinlan
Historian Katherine Collett
Conductor Nora C. Brown
Assistant Conductor Anna Orr

The names of the appointive officers are not available, but will be announced prior to installation on January 12.

On Friday evening, December 22, the final penny sale of the year (with Katherine Collett as Chairman) was held at Memorial Hall, Green St., Charlestown. Following the sale, a Christmas Party for the members was held at the home of Mrs. Anna Orr, with Elizabeth Pray as Santa Claus.

A delegation from our Auxiliary attended the wedding reception of Senior Vice President-elect Sister Jessie Wells.

Our retiring President, Sister Mary Henning, has served us faithfully and well this past year and we wish to express to her our pride in her and our loving thanks for her many kindnesses to us all.

NOTES FROM

GEN. J. G. FOSTER AUXILIARY #59

S. U. V. C. W.

by

Arleen Trask, Press Correspondent
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Auxiliary #59 had an election of officers at their meeting on Nov.14 and were installed, jointly with the Camp, on Nov.28 by Department Chief of Staff Viola Cunningham of Hudson, with a suite from Milford.

Visitors were from Worcester, Marlboro, Hudson, Berlin, Natick, Boston and Milford.

At our meeting, on Dec. 12, we made plans for the coming year. We have a grand bunch of girls for our officers this year -- and that means big doings in Framingham.

We hope all the Camps and Auxiliaries will pay us a visit.

OFFICERS

President Nettie Gregory
Vice President Miriam Wheeler
Chaplain Frances Cox
Patriotic Instructer Lizzie County
Treasurer Arleen Trask
Secretary Ida May Linnehan
Guide Bertha Moulton
Assistant Guide Alice Young
Color Bearer Frances Harper
Color Bearer Ellen Vandenburg
Inside Guard Mabel Rockwood
Outside Guard Evelyn Sawyer
Press Correspondent Arleen Trask
Counselor Charles Moulton

TRUSTEES

Irma Norman Mabel Rockwood
Alice Young

The annual Christmas party of past commanders and presidents was held in Tremont Temple Saturday evening, Dec. 16. The committee included Ada B. Ewell, Past Department President, Chairman; Albert J. Wolff, Department Council; and Mary E. Dow, Dept. Vice President.

CHARLES R. LOWELL AUXILIARY 78 S.U.V.C.W. NEWS

by

Minnie Scott Pike, D. P. C.

Folks, Here's the Low-Down about Jessie and Ernest!

Well, they did it -- Jessie and "Ernie"! But, in case some are not familiar with those names, "they" are Past President Jessie Cheney Brigandi of Auxiliary #78, Boston, and Commander Ernest Gay Wells of Camp #9, Boston.

It was at the Groom's home, Appleton St., Boston -- and they were united in marriage by Rev. Francis Brett of Upham Memorial Church, in the presence of relatives and friends.

The bride's Father, Past Commander Everad L. Cheney of Camp #9 (also Commander of Ensign Worth Bagley Camp #6, United Spanish War Veterans), gave her away (but not too much) and the other attendants were Ann Cheney, sister-in-law of the bride, and Past Commander Cecil L. Cheney, the bride's brother.

After the ceremony, they all adjourned to G. A. R. Hall, 1151 Washington Street, where a large gathering of friends and relatives were assembled to tender the newly weds a reception. Sister Mary Gordon sang, accompanied by her accordion, and pleased everyone. Dancing followed, led by the bride and groom.

At 9:30 P.M. the bridal pair cut the wedding cake. Past Commander George Kimball of Camp 81, Chelsea, read an original poem dedicated to the newly wedded pair. There were representatives from Camp #9 and Auxiliary #78, Boston; Camp #59 Framingham; Camp #81, Chelsea; En-

Spanish War Veterans, and their Auxiliary, Adelaide Worth Bagley Auxiliary #16. The wedding gifts were opened, displayed and admired by all.

As the groom was to be installed Commander the following week, a honeymoon will be taken later. All join in wishing both Jessie and Ernest all the finest things that life can give them and much happiness. They are "at home" now at 7 Norfolk Street, Roxbury.

C'mup 'n see'm s'metime (if they are ever at home)!

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MUSINGS AND JOTTINGS

Looks as if we shall have to find a Box, Hassock, Block of Wood, or what have you, for our little pint-sized President, Josephine Tyler, who is even smaller lengthwise than her immediate predecessor, Lelia Turner.

Well, Jessie and Ernest "have went and gone and done it." And now Jessie can say, with solemn conviction, "Life is Real, Life is Ernest" (Phonetically speaking). Nov. 3rd was the Date of Dates. Long may you wave, Children, and a happy life ahead to you both!

Sisters -- just in case, you know -- Auxiliary 78 meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, regardless of other functions or meetings -- unless the Auxiliary votes to omit a meeting. Mark the Dates on your Calendars for the Year and really get the habit of recalling the Dates. This applies to members of Auxiliary #78, as well as other Auxiliary and Camp members. Come up and see us anytime! Get the Fraternal Habit and visit all around. Have "Neighbors' Night" around here, as do those on the North and South of Boston.

"Big Minnie" and "Our Mary" have been going Places lately. Mary's Accordion went with them to Melrose, where they played at the Elks' Club for Dancing -- to the delight of all. And they played for the Hallowe'en Party, sponsored by the Dept. Ways & Means Committee.

It will seem a little strange, though possibly a relief, to Beulah, to attend meetings without being loaded down with a lot of books and papers, after doing it for 10 years. You've earned a relief, Beulah! So come and take it easy!

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The INQUIRING REPORTER

OF CAMP #9, BOSTON

We are indebted to our Auxiliary Dept. Press Correspondent, Sister Minnie Pike, for the information that Charles Russell Lowell Post #7 was the oldest in Suffolk County --- and that all the others locally were off-shoots.

Secretary George H. Fowler issues an invitation to all Brothers and Sisters to attend the first quarterly meeting of the Worcester County Associations (Sons of Union Veterans and their Auxiliary), to be held in G.A.R. Hall, Worcester, Friday, Jan. 19th at 8 o'clock. There will be an Election of Officers. Refreshments will follow the business meeting. The Hosts will be: Camps #2 and #25, and Auxiliaries #18 and #33.

Our Honorary Brother, Owen J. McNealy, is the proud possessor of a huge medal awarded by the Humane Society of Mass. It is inscribed: "To Owen J. McNealy for Bravery in Rescuing from Drowning - Lilla and Charles Wedgeworth -- Swett Street Bridge."

With great sorrow, we announce the passing away of Past Commander in-Chief Pelham A. Barrows of Cali-

fornia. Always quick to help the "Sons", he was one of the first, beyond our local circle, to suscribe and give us encouragement. So our grief is a personal one and we join the entire Order in mourning him.

The Charles A. Higgins, referred to in the last issue's article about the Southernmost Grand Army Monument(according to Past Commander-in-Chief Frank L.Kirchgassner) was once a member of Charles Russell Lowell Camp 9. He is now the Department Commander of Alabama-Tennessee, residing in Tampa, Fla.

One of those fraternal gestures for which Comrade Owen J. McNealy is so famous, was the presentation of a gorgeously-decorated cake at the Charles Russell Lowell Family Christmas Party. The main motif was a large American Flag in the centre, with beautiful life-like red and white roses on each side and the inscription: "From A Dear Friend — To A Wonderful Pal — Mr. and Mrs. Ernest G. Wells".

Still in the thick of the fray, is Past Commander-in-Chief William L.Anderson. He is now the National President of the Federated Patriotic Societies. A Glutton for Punishment!

Brother George Greenwood is a surprisingly efficient Senior Vice Commander for so new a member.

Alonzo Fraser is rising fast, too. He is Acting Treasurer, now.

We are pleased that those Gastric Ulcers couldn't throw Brother Joseph Phelan.

Now that the Christmas Rush is over, we expect to have Brother Clarence Wilson with us more often

We don't know what we would have done, without the invaluable assistance of Sister Josephine Bangs on and prior to our Christmas Party.

It is Brothers like Past Senior Vice Department Commander Charles Bradlee that form the backbone of our Order. We have yet to see him missing from any really important function of the Department.

Our former Chaplain, Brother Leon Searles, is now Chairman of our new Drama Committee. As he has had considerable experience as Director of semi-professional dramatic productions, we expect great things from him.

We are beginning to very much miss Brother Herbert Stetson (of Camp 89, Brighton), but "every cloud has a silver lining". His very nice wife, Sister Bernardina Stetson, is active as Assistant Guide of our Auxiliary.

We look forward to the delicious little "plums of poetry" that our charming Auxiliary Department Vice President, Sister Mary Dow, has for all occasions. Always "apropos" and ever inspiring!

"Herbie's" Brother, Charles C. Stetson (of Camp 30, Dorchester), is another of the "tried and true". May he and his delightful wife be always with us.

Let no one say that there is no opportunity for youth to advance in the "Sons". Just watch our new Senior Vice Commander- in-Chief, Albert C. Lambert of New Jersey.

We were delighted to see Past Department Pres. Helen G. Savery, of the "Daughters", present at our Installation. Tent 36 and her Department are always well represented at any occasion she attends.

It is a source of constant amazement to us that more of our Brothers do not take advantage of their opportunities to get better acquainted with their Department Secretary, Leon H. Palmer. Visit him at Headquarters and you will come away with a greater understanding of — and pleasure in — our Order.

Our Patriotic Instructor, Vernard L.Gordon, is Secretary of the Roxbury Post American Legion Bowling League.